

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for SDWIS data

To: EPA Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water

I am seeking data from the Safe Drinking Water Information System (SDWIS) database. I am seeking data in electronic format. I request an electronic file or files which contains data from the SDWIS database. I also request a data dictionary or other explanation of all the fields in the database.

The time period for requested data is the years 2000-2015.

The fields desired are all those required from reporting states, as specified in this EPA document:

Document key fields	
pubnumber	812B95001
title	Consolidated Summary of State Reporting Requirements for the Safe Drinking Water Information System (SDWIS)
pages	92
pubyear	1995
provider	NEPIS
access	online
origin	hardcopy

I have attached a copy of this document, and it is also available online at the EPA's website:

<http://www.epa.gov/nscep>

Since this document is from 1995, if the current data fields in SDWIS are different, then all fields available in SDWIS from the time period 2000-2015 are requested.

The fields desired include (but are not limited to) water system name and identification number; any location information such as city, county, street address, longitude/latitude, etc.; contact information for water system; and any fields with information about the source of water and types of treatment.

For each water system, I request all data from analyses for the following contaminants which are all regulated drinking water contaminants as shown at this URL:

<http://www.epa.gov/your-drinking-water/table-regulated-drinking-water-contaminants#Inorganic>

Arsenic
Copper
Fluoride
Lead
Nitrite (measured as Nitrogen)

Alpha particles
Beta particles and photon emitters
Radium 226 and Radium 228 (combined)
Uranium

In addition if SDWIS has data on analyses for the following water quality parameters:

Hardness
Calcium
Magnesium
Sodium
pH

I request all data fields pertinent to each analysis, including (but limited to) sampling date, location of sampling, type of analysis, results, units of results, etc.

If there are any questions about this request, please contact me.

The electronic format of the file may be in the following formats: Microsoft Access, text, or csv. If these are not possible, then please contact me to find an acceptable alternative file format. The file(s) may be supplied on CDs or DVDs.

Sincerely,

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